

Logistics Task Force Meeting  
December 15, 2010  
Raleigh, NC

Lt. Governor Walter Dalton, Chairman of the Logistics Task Force, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at the Transportation Board Room in Raleigh with the following members present:

Keith Crisco, Nelson Cole, Michael Walters, Pat Long, Dan Danieleley, Lew Ebert, David Willauer, David Congdon, Gary Teng, Joe Stephens, Beth Austin, Dee Freeman, Al Delia, and John Tippettt attended on behalf of Dee Blackwell.

David Hauser also attended.

Members absent were: Gene Conti, Clark Jenkins, Dawn Clegg, Rick Sholtes, Allen Joines, Earl Brinkley, Buddy Shavender, Terry Bellamy, Tom Eagar, John Atkins, Jerry Orr, Bob Morgan, Paul Kauffmann, Larry Wooten, and Danny McComas.

Minutes from the November 18, 2010 meeting in Kinston were unanimously approved upon a motion by Nelson Cole and were seconded by Gary Teng.

Chairman Dalton welcomed everyone to Raleigh and informed the Task Force that this meeting will be to discuss the Seven Portals Study. This is not the final report; therefore, no approval of the study will be taken at the meeting today.

Chairman Dalton introduced Dr. George List, Professor, NCSU. Dr. List gave an overview of the Seven Portals Study and introduced members of the study team that would be presenting information to the Task Force. A copy of Dr. List's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum 1.

Dr. Joy Bhadury, UNC Greensboro, shared a presentation covering the Southeastern Region portion of the study. He shared the Clusters of Economic Activity (Present and Targeted). Dr. Bhadury shared a summary of four sites. Those sites were: Laurinburg-Maxton Airport, Fayetteville Airport, International Logistics Park, and Wilmington International Airport. He discussed the strengths, weaknesses and needs for these areas as it relates to the logistics needs of the area. He suggested the Task Force utilize the pending Moffatt and Nichol study that is expected to be finalized in the first quarter of 2011 and then engage in a state-wide dialogue and debate on the four areas listed above. A copy of Dr. Bhadury's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum 2.

Dr. Steve Appold, UNC Kenan Institute, presented information covering the Eastern Region. The Eastern region is divided into four sub-regions. They are: North Sub-Region, Pitt Sub-Region, Central Sub-Region and Coastal Sub-Region. Dr. Appold discussed the different villages in the area listing their strengths, weaknesses and needs. The Villages

are: Rocky Mount, Kinston, Jacksonville, and Morehead City. A copy of Dr. Appold's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum 3.

Dr. Richard Monroe, East Carolina University, presented information to the Logistics Task Force covering the Northeastern Region. There are approximately 24,000 residents that commute to jobs outside the Northeast Region. About half of those commute to jobs in Virginia. Dr. Monroe discussed the different villages in the area listing their strengths, weaknesses and needs. The Villages are: Ahoskie, Edenton, Elizabeth City; and Williamston. A copy of Dr. Monroe's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum 4.

Mr. Bob Foyle, ITRE - NCSU, presented information to the Task Force regarding the Triangle Region. There are 13 counties in this region. He also presented an overview of the Research Triangle Park. Mr. Foyle discussed the different villages in the area listing their strengths, weaknesses and needs. The Villages are: RDU International Airport (Tier 3), Triangle North Properties, Johnston County, and Lee County. A copy of Mr. Foyle's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum 5.

Dr. Kathryn Dobie, NC A&T State University, presented information to the Task Force regarding the Triad Region. There are 12 counties in this region. Greensboro, Winston-Salem and High Point together ranked 37<sup>th</sup> in size among US cities. Dr. Dobie discussed the different villages in the area listing their strengths, weaknesses and needs. The Villages are: Aerotropolis Airport City at PTI, Burlington/Alamance, and Montgomery County. A copy of Dr. Dobie's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum 6.

Dr. Gary Teng, UNC-Charlotte, presented information to the Task Force regarding the Charlotte Area Region. This region includes the state's major airport, Charlotte Douglas International. The airport maintains support relationships with US Customs, US Department of Immigration and US Department of Agriculture. Dr. Teng discussed the different villages in the area listing their strengths, weaknesses and needs. The Villages are: Charlotte, Monroe, Salisbury and Statesville. A copy of Dr. Teng's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum 7.

Dr. John Stone, ITRE - NCSU, presented information to the Task Force regarding the Western Region. This region has 10,000 square miles, approximately the size of Maryland. It is the home of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. Dr. Stone discussed the different villages in the area listing their strengths, weaknesses and needs. The Villages are: Andrews, Asheville, and Wilkesboro. A copy of Dr. Stone's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum 8.

Dr. George List presented additional information regarding the Seven Portals Study to the Task Force. He gave an overview of the rail findings, highway assessment, maritime assessment and the integrative observations. A copy of this presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum 9.

Chairman Dalton opened the meeting to discussion between the Task Force Members.

David Willauer encouraged the involvement of the MPOs and RPOs in the study. Chairman Dalton stated that he is sure the MPOs and RPOs have worked with the 7 economic areas and will continue to do so.

Pat Long expressed her appreciation to the team for doing an excellent job putting together this study. She stated that we are no longer the good roads state and we have to make sure we put things into priority.

Secretary Dee Freeman stated the report would be stronger if it included a line of environmental issues and needs.

David Congdon suggested the Task Force determine what the priorities are and use a selection grid technique.

Joe Stephens suggested the Task Force develop a road map of sorts for the coming decision-making process. .

Chairman Dalton stated the Task Force has to look outside the borders of North Carolina. He asked is it greater to move freight or people in for tourism? He also stated that whatever the Task Force recommends has to have a good, solid basis.

John Tippet sitting in for Dee Blackwell, stated that he felt it would be helpful if the Task Force identify what are some of the connections within these various regions.

Chairman Dalton stated that North Carolina has not given up on the idea of a deep water port.

Dan Danieleley asked if the Task Force would ever consider a joint investment with a neighboring state? Chairman Dalton responded , yes.

David Willauer asked what are the next steps for the study? Dr. List stated the team will continue to work and prepare presentations to be shared at the February and March Logistics Task Force meetings.

Chairman Dalton commented that the Seven Portal Study arose from the previous NCSU study that recommended the state create more Inland Ports. He reflected that in the 1920's, Governor Cameron Morrison (later known as "The Good Roads Governor"), had a vision to connect each county seat by a hard surfaced road. Chairman Dalton commented that in his view the plan proposed by the Logistics Task Force should similarly have direct positive impact for each region of the state. The Seven Portal Study

concept was devised to determine if it was economically feasible, cost effective and viable to construct an Inland Port or Logistics Village in each region.

Chairman Dalton also commented that if Inland Ports or Logistics Villages should be recommended, the Task Force should study how these entities should be governed. He indicated that consideration should be given to exempting these assets from local zoning and to create a method where all in the region share in the responsibilities and benefits for the assets created in the boundaries of the Inland Ports or Logistics Villages. He indicated that Colonel Austin's subcommittee would be initially charged with this task as the Task Force moves forward.

There being no additional business, Chairman Dalton thanked everyone for their participation and wished them a happy holiday season. He announced the next meeting of the Logistics Task Force will be Tuesday, January 19, 2011 in Rocky Mount.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.